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In re Application of: )  
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Application No.: 10/784,990 ) : Group Art Unit: 2625  
Filed: February 25, 2004 ) : Confirmation No.: 8949  
For: IMAGE INPUT APPARATUS, IMAGE )  
OUTPUT APPARATUS, IMAGE ) :  
FORMING SYSTEM, CONTROL )  
METHOD OF IMAGE INPUT ) :  
APPARATUS, CONTROL METHOD )  
OF IMAGE OUTPUT APPARATUS, ) :  
PROGRAMS FOR EXECUTING THESE )  
METHODS, STORAGE MEDIUM FOR ) :  
STORING PROGRAMS, IMAGE )  
PROCESSING SYSTEM, CONTROL ) :  
METHOD OF IMAGE PROCESSING )  
SYSTEM, AND PROGRAM FOR ) :  
EXECUTING CONTROL METHOD )      December 23, 2008

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